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of the

Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR

1969

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A N N U A L R E P O R T

on the

HEALTH AND SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

of the

DISTRICT

FOR THE YEAR

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1969 - 1970

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To: The Chairman and members of the Great Harwood Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the report on the work of the Health Department for the year 1969.

The birth rate, death rate and stillbirth rate are approximately the same as in the preceding year. Infant mortality shows a fifty percent increase but this figure means very little since the actual numbers involved are so small; in 1968 four children died under one year old, in 1969 six children. With such small numbers fluctuations are greatly magnified.

Infectious diseases presented no problems. Measles was prevalent; nowadays this is not a very serious matter as a rule.

The position as to tuberculosis is somewhat less satisfactory. Since 1958 there has been, as the graph shows, a precipitous fall in the incidence of tuberculosis, and indeed I remarked on this in my report last year. There has been, however, a rise in 1969 in the number of cases of respiratory tuberculosis. The actual number involved is small. Last year there were twelve cases of respiratory tuberculosis on the register of whom two were Commonwealth immigrants. This year there are sixteen, of whom six are Commonwealth immigrants. Thus it will be seen that it is from this source that the four new cases have arisen. A rough calculation would suggest that the incidence of tuberculosis is probably around thirty times as great in this group as against the amount in the general population and such a figure is comparable with results obtained on a much larger scale in Birmingham and in Bradford. This is a disturbing fact at which one cannot conceal one's uneasiness. I said last year that tuberculosis had become a relatively rare disease but if this trend continues one fears that the problem may again become a more important one. This, however, is a matter of much wider importance than our purely local concern and it no doubt reflects the fact that in many medical quarters there is uneasiness as to the adequacy of the examinations of any entrants into this country from any part of the world. Our arrangements in this respect are not of the same standard as those adopted, for example, by the United States.

In regard to tuberculosis, I find it most satisfactory that among the many thousand of animals inspected at the slaughterhouse not even a single case of tuberculosis was discovered. Again it is most satisfactory that none of the milk samples were found to be infected.

It will be seen from Mr. Walmsley's report that there still remains a considerable amount of work to be done in the matter of housing.

I thank the Council for its consideration and support throughout the year and the Clerk of the Council and Mr. Walmsley in particular whom I have always found to be such pleasant and co-operative colleagues.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

R. C. Webster,

Medical Officer of Health,
Great Harwood U.D.C.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

GENERAL

Area in acres	2,868
Number of inhabited houses (1.4.69.)	4,101
Number of Commercial premises etc.	923
Miscellaneous	,132
Rateable Value	..£273,300
Sum represented by a penny rate (1969)	£1,127
Population at 1961 Census	10,718
Estimated Population for 1969	11,050

CHIEF INDUSTRIES IN THE AREA

The principal industries are the manufacture of cotton goods, light engineering trades, footwear, coated felts, floor coverings, food manufacture and packing.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	99	90	189
Illegitimate	9	1	10
Total	108	91	199

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimate population:

Crude	18.0
Adjusted	19.6

STILL BIRTHS	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	1	-	1
Total	2	2	4

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total births 20

DEATHS	Male	Female	Total
Deaths	73	77	150

Mortality Rate per 1,000 estimate population:

Crude	13.6
Adjusted	12.8

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population:

(England and Wales) ..	11.9

INFANT MORTALITY

	Males		Females			
Deaths of Infants	Total	Legit	Illegit	Total	Legit	Illegit
Under 1 year of age	4	4	-	2	2	-
Under 4 weeks of age	3	3	-	2	2	-
Under 1 week of age	3	3	-	2	2	-

	Local Authority	England & Wales
Infant Mortality Rate		
Under 1 year per 1,000 live births	30	18
Neonatal Mortality Rate		
Under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	25	12
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate		
Under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	25	10
Perinatal Mortality Rate		
Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births	44	23

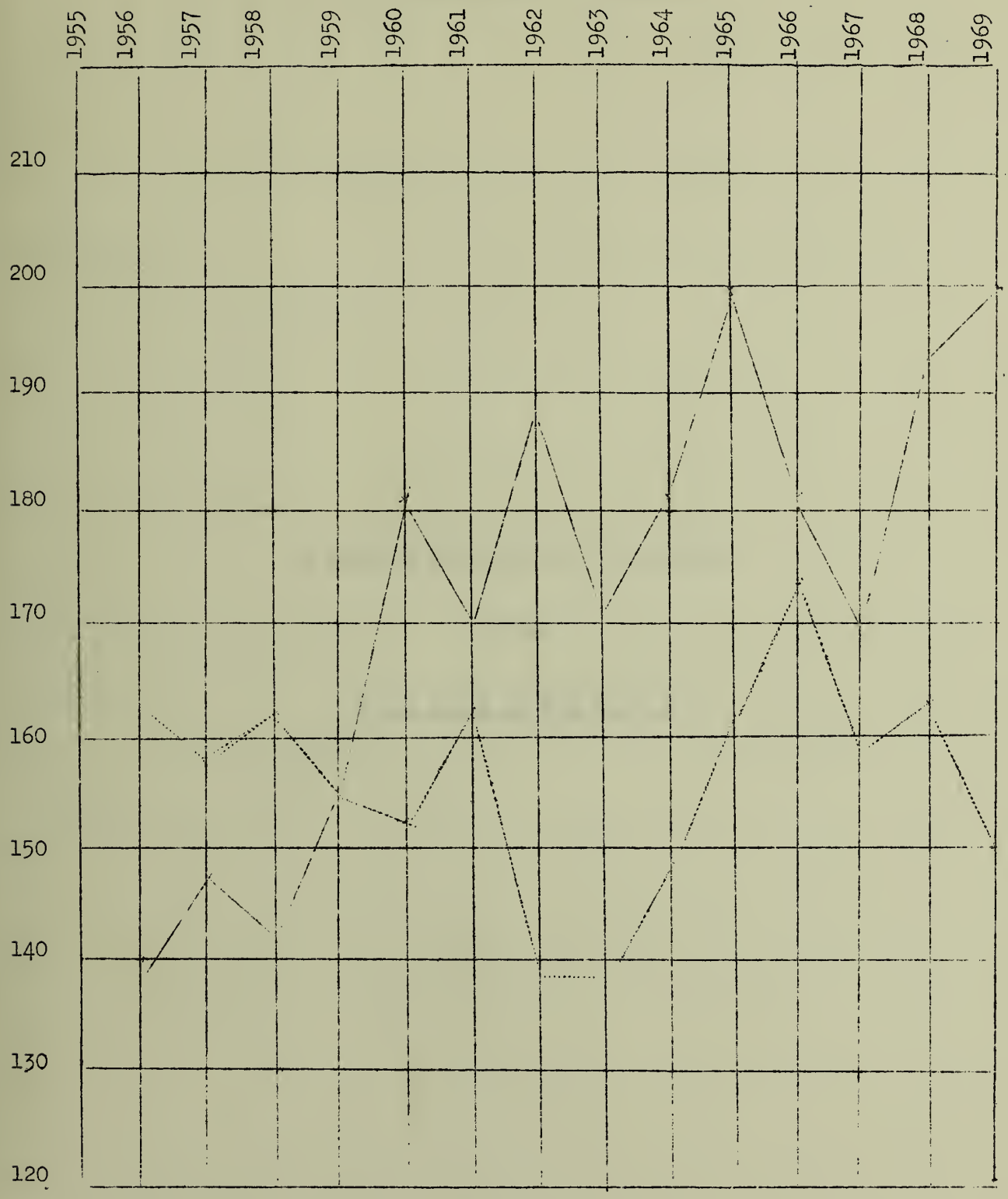
Comparative Birth Rates, Civilian Death Rates

Analysis of Mortality and Maternal Mortality in the year 1969

	England and Wales	Great Harwood
	Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population	
Births		
Live Births	16.3	19.6
Still Births	13.0	20.0
Deaths		
All causes	11.9	12.8
Tuberculosis (all forms)	0.038	0.00
Cancer (all forms)	2.35	1.99
Lung and bronchus	0.61	0.63
Other cancer	1.74	1.36
Notifications (corrected)		
Typhoid Fever	0.003	0.00
Paratyphoid Fever	0.004	0.00
Scarlet Fever	0.329	1.17
Whooping Cough	0.102	0.00
Diptheria	0.000	0.00
Measles	2.909	7.42
Acute Encephalitis	0.003	0.00
Dysentery	0.453	0.27
Food poisoning	0.151	0.01
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	0.198	0.26
Tuberculosis (Other Forms)	0.049	0.18
Infective Jaundice	0.483	0.45

CAUSES OF DEATH	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Malignant Neoplasm - Oesophagus	-	3	3
Malignant Neoplasm - Intestine	1	3	4
Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	4	3	7
Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus	-	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm - Prostate	1	-	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	4	-	4
Diabetes Mellitus	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System,etc.	-	1	1
Hypertensive Disease	3	4	7
Ischaemic Heart Disease	21	21	42
Other Forms of Heart Disease	7	6	13
Cerebrovascular Disease	8	10	18
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2	7	9
Influenza	3	-	3
Pneumonia	6	7	13
Bronchitis and Emphysema	4	5	9
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2	-	2
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	-	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-	1
Congenital Anomalies	1	-	1
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	2	2	4
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	-	2	2
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	1	-	1
TOTAL	73	77	150

ANALYSIS OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS



Births ..... Deaths

GENERAL PROVISIONS

of the

HEALTH SERVICE

HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE TO GREAT HARWOOD

Divisional Health Committee	Office at 19, St. James Street, Accrington, Telephone Accrington 34223
Divisional Medical Officer	Dr. R. C. Webster
Ante-Natal Clinics	Water Street, Great Harwood. Every Thursday morning.
County Clinic	High Street, Rishton. First and third Wednesday each month.
Child Welfare Clinic	Water Street, Great Harwood. All day every Wednesday. Immunisation and U.V.R., by appointment.

For the following services:-

Day nurseries, Domestic Helps, Mental Health Service, Accommodation for the elderly (not sick) persons.

Enquiries should be made at the Divisional Health Office, 19 St. James Street, Accrington.

Divisional Education Executive	Divisional Medical Officer, Dr. R. C. WEBSTER

School medical routine and special examination.

Minor ailment clinic every Friday morning.

Opthalmic and Orthopaedic Clinic (by appointment) at High Street, Rishton.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

All pathological and bacteriological work for the Health Department is carried out at the Public Health Laboratory at Preston.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

This service is administered by the No. 5 Health Division of the Lancashire County Council. The ambulance station is at Altham.

HOME HELP SERVICE

The Home Help service is administered by the Divisional Health Authority.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

A weekly clinic is held for children under five years, and a pre-natal clinic is held once a fortnight. The duties are under the control of the Divisional Health Authority. The clinic is situated in the Water Street Health Centre.

DAY NURSERIES

There is one day nursery in the town administered by the Divisional Health Authority.

HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION

One hostel is available for aged persons. It is operated by the County Council and has accommodation for thirty-nine men and women.

41 flatlets are available for aged persons supervised by a full time warden.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL

of

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

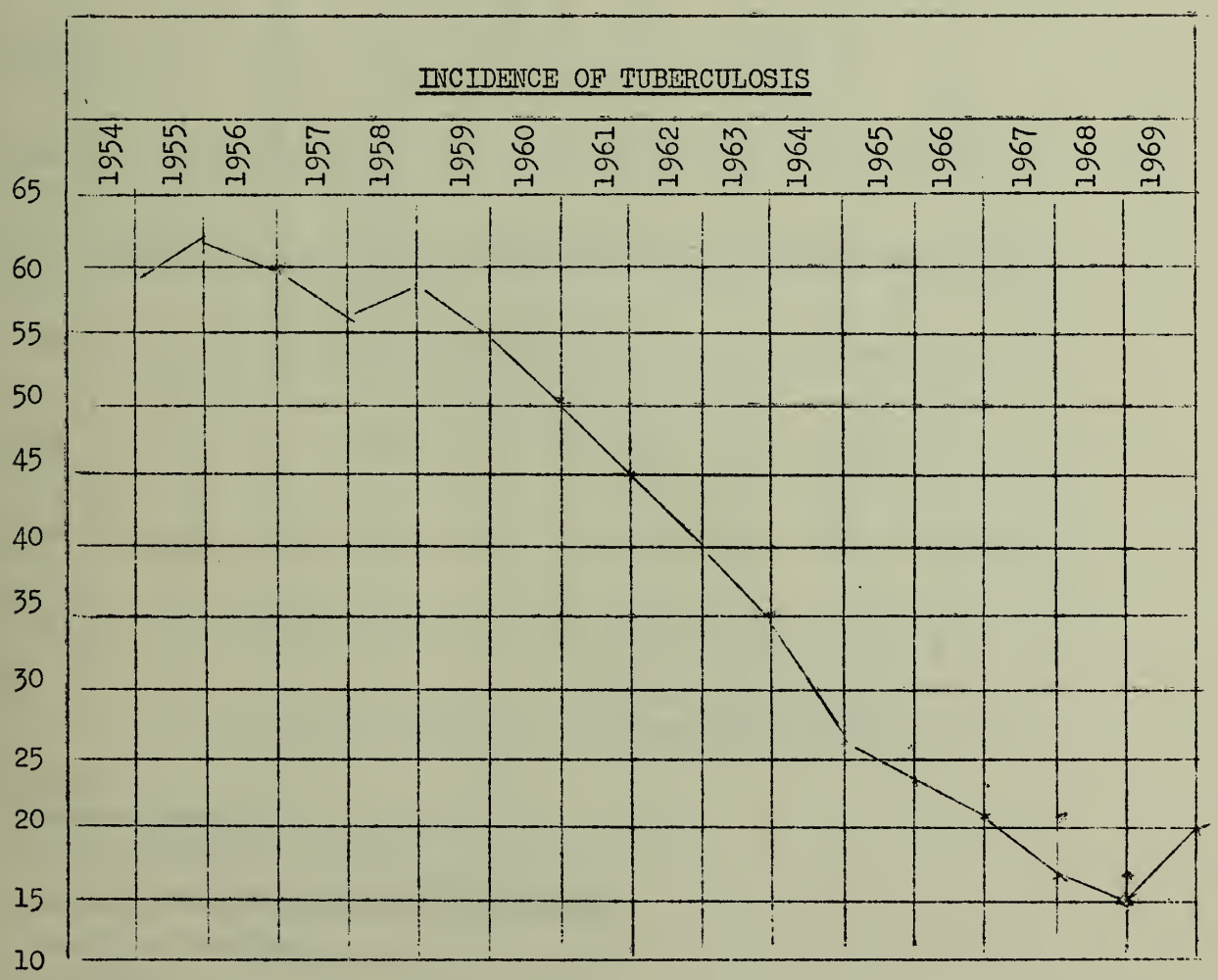
TUBERCULOSIS

The administration is carried out by the Lancashire County Council and Regional Hospital Board and co-operation is maintained through the Public Health Department. Disinfection of articles and premises is carried out when necessary.

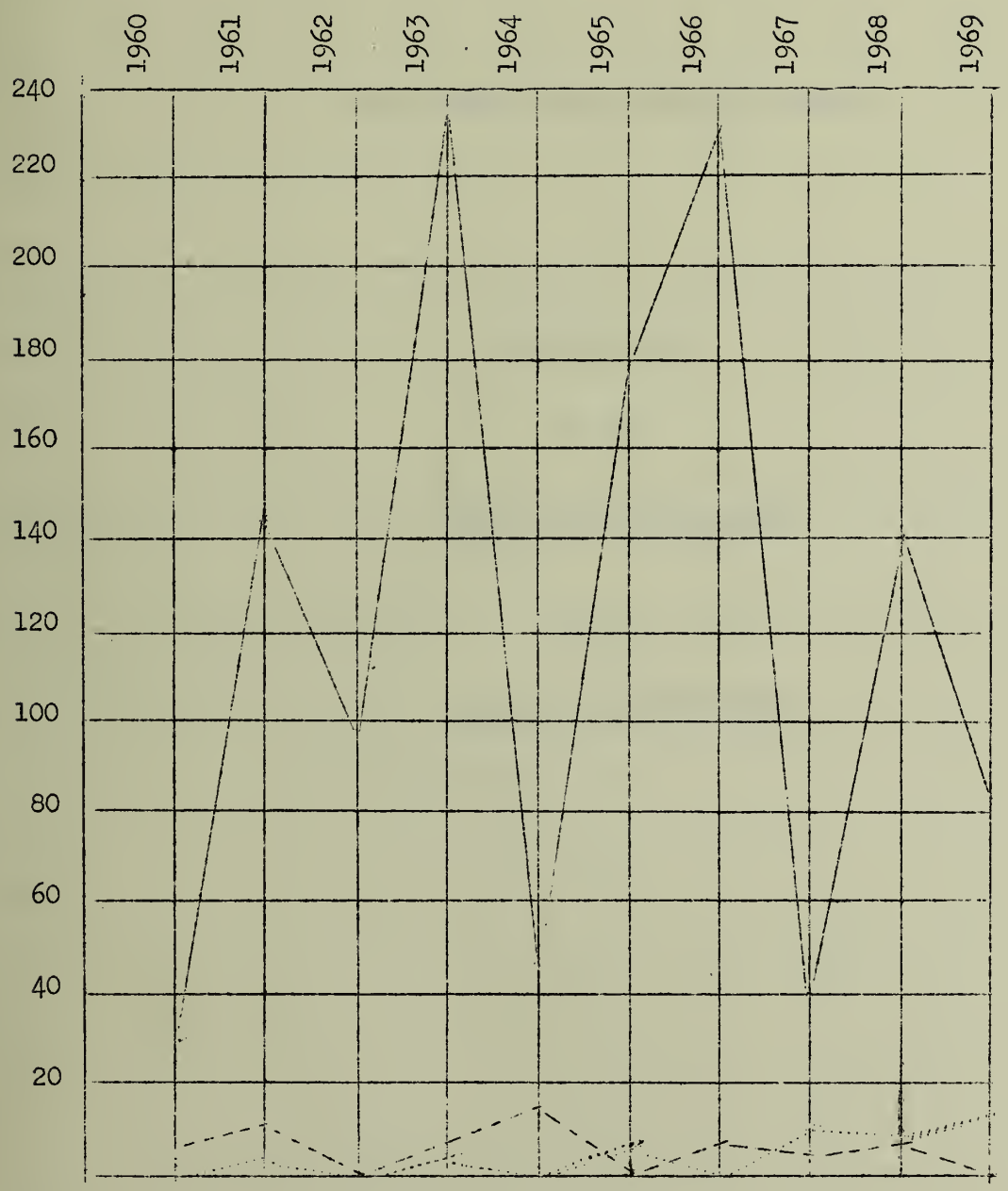
The total number of cases on the register at 31st December, 1969 was as follows:-

Respiratory			Non-Respiratory		
M	F	Total	M	F	Total
10	6	16	3	1	4

Six persons on the register are Commonwealth immigrants.



INFECTIOUS DISEASE STATISTICS



Measles _____
Scarlet Fever .....
Whooping Cough _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Other Infectious Disease Notifications

Infective Jaundice.....5
Dysentry.....3

GREAT HARWOOD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

R E P O R T

of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

and

CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Health Department for the year 1969. Satisfactory progress was made with Smoke Control and increased inspections were possible under the Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act and food premises. An appreciable amount of time was spent at the private abbattoirs as will be seen from the meat inspection figures.

The reduction in the number of waste water closet conversions was disappointing and it is becoming difficult to get this onerous work carried out. It is pleasing to report that progress is being made in modernisation of licensed premises.

I should like to thank the Health Committee for their interest and support during the year.

Yours faithfully,

G. Walmsley,

Public Health Inspector

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION

OF FOOD

MILK AND DAIRIES Number of farms.....,14

MILK SAMPLES

(1) Samples for Biological Examination -

Results	Total No. of samples submitted	Results		
		Positive	Negative	No result
	8			
(a) Tuberculosis		Nil	Nil	-
(b) Brucellosis - Ring Test		2	6	-
(c) " - Culture Test. ..		Nil	8	-
(d) " - Biological Test .		Nil	-	-

(2) Samples for Statutory Tests -

Raw Milk:-	No. of Samples	Satisfactory	Unsatis-factory	Void samples
(a) Methylene Blue Test	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Heat Treated Milk:				
(b) Methylene Blue Test) (c) Phosphatase Test) (d) Turbidity Test) (e) Colony Count Test)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

ICE CREAM REGULATIONS - Registered Premises

Manufacturers (hot mix) .. .. Nil Manufacturers (cold mix) .. .. .. Nil

Vendors (shops, etc.) .. .. 36 Hawkers .. .. Nil

WATER SUPPLY

RAW WATER SAMPLES (Local Authority)

Bacteriological Examinations (Private Supply) .. .. Nil

TREATED WATER SAMPLES (Local Authority)

Bacteriological Examinations 8

" " (Public Swimming Baths) 26

FOOD AND DRUGS SAMPLING

A total of 45 samples was obtained comprising 41 milks (of which two were Channel Islands milk) and 4 others as follows:-

2 Sweets
1 Hydrosaluric K. Tablets
1 Diabetic Chocolate

I give below details of those samples on which the County Analyst gave adverse reports:-

Type of Sample	Result of Analysis	Action Taken
Informal Milk	Contained 0.15 International Unit penicillin per ml.	Formal sample obtained
-do-	Contained 0.075 International Unit cm^3 penicillin.	Dairy and Milk Marketing Board informed

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1960

Number of food premises and type at the end of the year:-

General grocers and provision dealers	30
Greengrocers and fruiterers (including those selling wet fish, game, etc.)	13
Fishmongers (including those selling poultry, game, etc.)	1
Meat Shops (butchers, purveyors of cooked and preserved meats, tripe, etc.)	10
Bakers and/or confectioners	14
Fried Fish Shops	7
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice-cream, etc.	10
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars, and similar catering establishments	33

Number of Registered Premises

Ice Cream	34
Meat Preparations etc.	4
Slaughterhouses (private)	1

MEAT INSPECTION

	Cattle	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Calves
Number killed	2,275	28,108	736	5
Number inspected	2,275	28,108	736	5
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci-				
Whole Carcases condemned	-	7	-	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	341	4,970	55	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	15%	17.7%	7.5%	20%
Tuberculosis only-				
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-
Cysticercosis-				
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-

H O U S I N G

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

These are not operated by the Council.

STANDARD GRANTS

Details of standard grants up to December 31st, 1969 are as follows:-

	Applications Received	Applications Approved
1961	101	101
1962	92	92
1963	77	77
1964	93	93
1965	124	124
1966	83	83
1967	91	91
1968	98	98
1969	78	78

GRANTS PAID

	Premises	Amount of Grant	Amenities				
			Bath	Washbasin	Hot Water	W.C.	Food Store
1961	107	£11899	95	94	77	104	85
1962	92	£14813	107	109	85	120	96
1963	74	£8897	61	69	49	74	65
1964	89	£10113	81	84	43	92	87
1965	103	£13369	93	92	85	103	99
1966	93	£11662	80	80	70	92	91
1967	75	£9068	63	66	50	74	72
1968	99	£12715	87	88	77	99	95
1969	77	£8245	52	59	49	68	54

1. Number of new dwellings erected during the year:-

(a) By the local authority .. .. NIL

(b) By other local authorities .. .. NIL

(c) By other bodies or persons 21

2. Total number of dwellings owned by the local authority at end of year 447

3. Inspections of dwellings during the year:-

(i) (a) Total No. of dwellings inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Act) 78

(b) No. of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose 191

(c) No. of dwellings in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit 32

(ii) Total No. of dwellings existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which -

(a) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have been made (at any time) 21

(b) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have not yet been made 140

4. Houses Demolished:-

	Number	Displaced during year from houses to be demolished or closed	
		Persons	Families
In or Adjoining Clearance Areas:			
(i) Houses unfit for human habitation	-	-	-
(ii) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	-	-	-
(iii) Houses on land acquired under S.43 (2) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
Not in or Adjoining Clearance Areas:			
(iv) As a result of formal or informal procedure under S.16 or S.17 (1) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
(v) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	-	-	-

5. Unfit Houses Closed:-

	Number	Displaced during year from houses to be demolished or closed	
		Persons	Families
(i) Under S.16(14), S.17(1) and S.35(1) Housing Act, 1957 and S.26 Housing Act, 1961	-	-	-
(ii) Under S.17 (3) and S.26 Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
(iii) Parts of Buildings closed under S.18 Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-

6. Unfit Houses Made Fit:-

	Number
(i) By owner after informal action by local authority	20
(ii) After formal notice under S.9 and S.16 Housing Act, 1957 (a) by owner	-
(b) by local authority ..	-
(iii) After formal notice under Public Health Acts	24
(iv) After modification or revocation of a clearance order under S.21 Housing Act, 1961.	-
(v) After determination of a demolition order under S.24 Housing Act, 1957	-
(vi) After determination of a closing order under S.27 Housing Act, 1961	-

7. Purchase of Houses by Agreement:-

	Number of Houses	Number of occupants of houses in Col. 1
	(1)	(2)
Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed orders or compulsory purchase orders	4	-

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

68 waste water closets were converted during the year, 32 being converted or renewed due to standard grant improvements. There are approximately 942 waste water closets still remaining in the district. The Council grant towards the cost of conversion is £15.

FACTORIES

There are 55 factories including bakehouses on the register and 25 visits were made during the year.

RODENT CONTROL

All rodent control and disinfestation work was undertaken by Messrs. Rentokil Ltd.

The following details show the amount of work carried out during the year

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	Non-agricultural	Agricultural
(a) No. of properties in district	5137	18
(b) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	107	5
(c) No. of (b) infested by - rats	68	5
mice	39	-
(d) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	9	-
(e) No. of (d) infested by - rats	4	-
mice	1	-

CARAVAN SITES

One site is licensed for 60 holiday caravans. The site was well maintained during the year.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT

Details of inspections are as follows:-

	Offices	Retail Shops	Wholesale shops, warehouses	Catering Establishments open to public, canteens	Fuel Storage Depots
(i) No. of registered premises at end of year	13	35	1	1	-
(ii) No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year	8	25	1	1	-
(iii) No. of exemptions current at end of year	-	-	-	-	-

CLEAN AIR ACT

No. 1 Smoke Control Order was confirmed by the Ministry during the year and the details are as follows:-

1. Total number of industrial premises 4
2. Total number of commercial premises 13
3. Total number of privately owned dwellings 362
4. Total number of local authority dwellings 229
5. Total number of other premises 9
6. Total acreage (approximately) 320

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT

No action was required during the year.

REFUSE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL

A weekly collection of household refuse was maintained throughout the year although the volume of refuse increased. More use of paper sacks used as bin liners helped considerably and this method has much to commend it even though the cost of sacks is fairly substantial.

The vehicles operated by the Health Department are as follows:

One Gibson Pendulum	8-12 cu.yd. compressor
One Karrier Ramillies	8-12 cu.yd. "
One S.D. Pakamatic	35 cu. yd. "
One Johnston Suction Sweeper	
One Weatherill 12H Loading Shovel	

SALVAGE

Year	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	£	s	d	Average tonnage per month	
							Tons	Cwts.
1969	15	1	0	124	1	11	1	5
1968	14	7	2	101	12	3	1	4
1967	52	13	1	369	13	2	4	7
1966	65	14	0	492	15	2	5	9
1965	105	16	3	786	15	10	8	16
1964	93	7	1	560	3	6	7	15
1963	64	14	2	388	7	-	5	7
1962	47	9	-	289	14	7	3	19
1961	102	9	3	666	3	-	8	10
1960	138	7	3	899	7	-	11	10
1959	124	11	1	752	19	-	10	4
1958	119	11	3	762	16	6	9	19
1957	131	11	-	855	1	-	10	19

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(I) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	1	-	-
(II) Factories not included in (I) in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority	50	24	6	-
(III) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	51	25	6	-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient.....	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.....	1	1	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.....	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork).....	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	1	-	1	-

CLEANSING SERVICE

Table showing estimated costs for the year ending 31st March 1970

Item	Particulars	Refuse Collection	Refuse Disposal	Street Cleansing inc: gully cleaning, street sweeping - District Roads
A.	Gross Expenditure	£14,110	£3,794	£1,747
B.	Gross Income	£97	£948	-
C.	Net Cost	£14,013	£2,846	£1,747
D.	Net Cost per 1,000 premises	£2,802	£569	-
E.	Net Cost per 1,000 population	£1,274	£259	-
F.	Net Cost equivalent rate in £.	12.4d.	2.5d.	1.5d.